



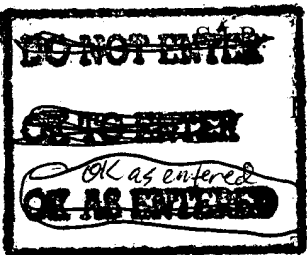
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL



Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2001.

Claims 1, 13, 20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1; and Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants submit that the rejections of Claims 1-24 are improper and respectfully request reconsideration of the same for the reasons set forth below.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 13, 20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1 as allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art at the time the application was filed that Applicants had possession of the invention. In this regard, the Patent Office asserts that the Specification and previous claims fail to support language directed to "at least 2% by weight of insoluble fiber". Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is incorrect as a matter of law and fact.

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